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Kansans encouraged to visit Health Policy Authority's new website

KHPA can now be found at www.khpa.ks.gov

As part of the continued transition for the Kansas Health Policy Authority as an independent state agency, the agency has unveiled its improved and redesigned web-site, www.khpa.ks.gov.

"The Internet has become an important tool in disseminating messages and delivering key information to Kansans' fingertips," said Marcia Nielsen, Executive Director. "The KHPA's redesigned website is more userfriendly and accessible, providing a greater amount of needed information for our state employees, providers, consumers of our many programs and others. I encourage you to visit our website and look at the progress we are making in Kansas health care."

Users will be able to find information about the work of the KHPA, as well as its Board. In addition, useful information for the Kansas Medical Assistance Programs, State Employee Health Benefits Plan, and health and wellness is also available online. Additional resources will be posted online in the coming months.

"Our goal is to provide our consumers and providers with as much information as possible. The website is a great method to do just that. As we make a transition from one managed care organization to two new vendors, information about this transition will also be available online, including weekly progress reports," said Nielsen.

During the month of October, state employees have the opportunity to make changes in their existing health plan. Information regarding state health plans, as well as the complete Employee Benefit Guidebook, is online.

Visit www.khpa.ks.gov to find out what the Kansas Health Policy Authority is doing to improve health care in Kansas.

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